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Claims 1 to 18 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper differ from the claims which were presented with applicants' paper dated August 02, 2006, in that Claims 1, 3, 5 to 8, 10 and 12 have been amended. More specifically, applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion

- to delete the term "*among*" in Claims 1, 3 and 10;
- to revise Claim 5 to depend upon Claim 1;
- to delete or rephrase definitions containing a reference to "*above-mentioned meanings*" in Claims 5, 6, 7 and 8;
- to revise the definition of  $R^1$  in Claim 6 to correspond to the definition of the respective group in Claim 1;
- to delete the phrase "*in a manner known per se*" in Claim 7; and
- to delete the definite articles in lines 2 and 3 of Claim 12.

Accordingly, all claims should now be in proper form and the application should be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.